

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0024] on page 10 of the original specification with the following paragraph annotated with changes.

[0024] As described above, conventional EBGp has no mechanism for isolating the cause of the withdrawal of the withdrawn route 160. Accordingly, all alternative routes (~~shown in broken line, but not separately referenced~~) between the AS 110 and the domain 150 would be tested in the process of finding an alternative route. It is evident that some, if not all, of the effort to find an alternative route would be fruitless, but the forethought to avoid the wasted time and bandwidth is not available in conventional EBGp.